



# TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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## Press Release

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### Employers Recognized for Hiring Veterans

AUSTIN— The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) has recognized five businesses as leaders in hiring Texas Veterans. TVC made the announcement at the Annual Veteran Employer Awards ceremony held September 15 during its statewide training conference in Houston.

Together, the five employers filled 357 positions during the year and 39% of those (140) were Veterans. The awards fall into five categories: Large Employer (215+ employees), Medium Employer (51-250 employees), Small Employer (50 or fewer employees), Disabled Veteran Employer and National Employer.

These companies are seeking a competitive edge by capitalizing on the unique skills, training and leadership experience of Texas Veterans.

The Lowe's store in Granbury, Texas, is one of the employers honored for excellence in hiring and retaining Veterans. This store has a Texas workforce of 133, 47% of which are veterans; last year, 91% of the 47 employees they hired were veterans. "Veterans have served our country so who better to serve our customers?" says Clay Rush, Lowe's Store Manager in Granbury, Texas.

"These employers see veterans as critical to their business's success," says Thomas Palladino, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission. "These awards recognize their outstanding commitment to Veterans who have served our country with courage and honor."

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Employer Award Recipients**

*Large Employer: Bell Helicopter, Amarillo TX.*

*Medium Employer: Lowe's, Granbury TX.*

*Small Employer: Securitas Security, Amarillo TX.*

*Disabled Veteran Employer: Top Flight Environmental Services, Dyess AFB, TX.*

*National Employer: Cooper Tire and Rubber, TX.*

According to recent data provided by the Department of Labor, Texas has helped more veterans get jobs than any other state in the country with the Texas Veterans Commission assisting 38,714 Veterans enter the workforce in a 12-month period.

Employers interested in hiring Veterans can contact the Texas Veterans Commission at (512) 463-6564

#### Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance, employment services, education benefits and grant funding. Across the agency's four program areas, more than 270 skilled counselors provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled.

For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission, visit [www.tvc.state.tx.us](http://www.tvc.state.tx.us).

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